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LOK SABHA

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SOLAR ENERGY IN LADAKH
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Solar Energy Project is proposed to be initiated for supply of electricity to Ladakh;

(b) if so, the details of investments proposed to be made; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has sanctioned a project inSeptember 2001 to the Ladakh Affairs Department of Jammu and Kashmir Government for the electrification of 39 villages in Leh District and 18 villages and 27 hamlets in Kargil District through installation of 10,000 solarhome lighting systems and distribution of 6,000 solar lanterns. The project is to be implemented through the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh in Leh District and the District Developmen Commissioner (DDC), Kargil inKargil District. The project also envisages involvement of local non-governmental organizations in implementation. The estimated cost of this village electrification project is Rs. 20 crores, out of which the share of this Ministry isRs. 18 crores. The Ministry has already released Rs. 4.35 crores to the programme implementing agencies as advance grant.The balance Rs. 2 crores is to be met by the state government. The project is to be completed by 31st March, 2003.

In addition, the Ministry has allocated 500 solar lanterns and 250 solar home lighting systems to LAHDC, and 250 solar lanterns and 250 solar home lighting systems to the Ladakh Ecological Development Group (LEDEG), Leh, a local non-governmental organization, under the solar photovoltaic programme for 2001-02. The estimated central financial assistance for these systems is Rs. 39 lakhs. These systems are to be installed / distributed by 31st March 2002.